

12th Grade Summer Reading—

All rising 12th graders should read and journal on one of the books listed below (do not choose a book you've read before ☺).

- ⇒ *The Elephant Man* by Christine Sparks
- ⇒ *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift
- ⇒ *The Lord of the Rings* by Tolkien (recommend reading *The Hobbit* first. It's short ☺)
- ⇒ *The Three Musketeers* by Alexander Dumas
- ⇒ *The Cost: My Life on a Terrorist Hit List* by Ali Husnain
- ⇒ *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
- ⇒ Any collection of (American or British) short stories by O. Henry, Hawthorne, Twain, etc.
- ⇒ *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- ⇒ *King Lear* by Shakespeare

Keep an informal journal while you read on notebook paper. This should include at least 12 entries, each entry being at least one paragraph long (consider doing one entry per chapter). Topics covered in the journal should include your observations about the book as it unfolds: plot, character descriptions (how they appear, act, and think), symbols, your expectations for the ending, and any literary elements you notice (foreshadowing, themes, point of view), etc. These should be thoughtful responses, and not merely "fluff."

Be prepared to write an in-class response about your book in the fall in addition to discussing it in class. The reading and journals should be completed by the first week of school.

I will be checking my email over the summer. If you have questions on any part of the summer reading assignment, please email me at meredith.mente@northsidecharlotte.com.

Happy Reading!